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Applicant

Naoki MURASE

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR A ONE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Sir:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner for Patents under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated July 18, 2003. This extension will extend the time the response is due from October 18, 2003 to November 18, 2003.

A one month extension is requested; the extension fee is \$110.00.

X Charge \$110.00 to Deposit Account No. 19-2112.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this petition, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-2112 referencing docket no. HIAS.96551.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: November 18, 2003

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